

I fully support legislation to count inmates in the town where they were last domiciled, not where they are incarcerated. The latter distorts the political reality and proportional representation of the towns of this state, and in particular the inner cities from which a significant majority of inmates come. It is further racially discriminatory given the inner city racial composition of the inmate population, thereby aggravating the racial inequities in our criminal justice system and other institutions of our society that we should all be committed to rectifying. The proposed legislation is one positive step in that direction.

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